

Chief of Mission, Frankfurt

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Re: ZIPPER and Dr. Rudolf DIELS

1. From an unspecified source, ZIPPER reports that on 14 August 1953 Dr. Rudolf DIELS, former head of the Berlin Political Police, currently residing at Marienstrasse 77, Hannover, was visited in his residence by Klaus SCHAUROTH, born 17 August 1930. SCHAUROTH introduced himself under the name "WERNER" and requested an interview with DIELS. During the course of the ensuing interview, SCHAUROTH claimed that his father had been German Councillor of Embassy in Washington during the Nazi period. Concerning himself, SCHAUROTH stated that he is currently employed by "Historical Research, Munich Section". In this capacity he had become aware of the fact that the Americans suspect DIELS of espionage activities on behalf of an eastern intelligence service, and intend to arrest DIELS. SCHAUROTH expressed doubt that DIELS would be arrested in the British Zone, but warned DIELS against entering the American Zone and advised him to stay out of sight for a while. Since he had learned a few days earlier that he was being sought by the Kripo, DIELS was inclined to consider SCHAUROTH's information possibly credible. In addition, DIELS stated that SCHAUROTH exhibited an astounding knowledge of the personnel and organization of the "Historical Research".

2. The above report is forwarded for information and possible necessary action. Of interest is the fact that ZIPPER cites no source for the report. It is clear that the report can have originated only with Dr. Rudolf DIELS. If ZIPPER's previous denial that DIELS is a ZIPPER member is still applicable, then he must in this instance have been a close but unwitting informant of a ZIPPER member. Previous traces of DIELS are contained in SCIA-663 and attachments. Perhaps the source of the above could be Dr. Georg SCHREIBER or one of the other persons listed in para 6 of EGIA-663.

3. Klaus SCHAUROTH, born 17 August 1930 in Heimerdorf, last known address Kneesebeck, Wiesenstr. 5, Kreis Wittingen/Niedersachsen, was the subject of a burn notice attached to HQW-9936, dated 25 August 1953. He was also the subject of a much earlier Berlin, USCOB, Intelligence Office burn notice dated 20 February 1952. ZIPPER states that their field agency assumed SCHAUROTH to be currently employed by the British, although he is further described as a

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